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In re Application of

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For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS
FOR WRITING AND READING
TIME SENSITIVE DATA
WITHIN A STORAGE DEVICE**



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